

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A closure device (10) for a container (50) for liquid fuel comprising:  
  
a pressure equalisation device, which provides a fluid connection between a gas space of the container (50) and the outside, wherein the pressure equalisation device comprises a flexible pressure equalisation pipe (44) with a float (43), on which one end of the flexible pressure equalisation pipe (44) is fastened such that it opens into the gas space;  
  
a liquid duct (35); and  
  
a liquid suction pipe (45), which communicates at one end with the liquid duct (35) and which at another end is immersed in liquid when liquid is present in the container.
2. (currently amended) Device (10) according to Claim 1, further comprising:  
  
an actuatable shut-off device (36), the actuation of which establishes a fluid connection between the interior and the exterior of the container (50) through the liquid duct (35).
3. (currently amended) Device (10) according to Claim 2, in which an actuation mechanism of the actuatable shut-off device (36) is formed such that it can be actuated only by a connection device specially provided for that purpose which can be connected to the closure device.
4. (currently amended) Device (10) according to Claim 2 or 3, wherein the shut-off device of the liquid duct comprises an actuatable valve.
5. (currently amended) Device (10) according to ~~one of the aforementioned claims~~ Claim 1, wherein the liquid pipe (45) is flexible at least in sections.
6. (currently amended) Device (10) according to Claim 5, wherein the further end of the flexible

- liquid pipe (45) is weighted down with at least one weight.
7. (currently amended) Device (10) according to ~~one of the Claims 5 or 6~~ Claim 5, wherein the further end of the flexible liquid pipe (45) is connected to the float (43) or to a further float.
  8. (currently amended) Device (10) according to ~~one of the aforementioned claims~~ Claim 1, which is formed such that it can be pressed into the removal opening (52) of the liquid container (50).
  9. (currently amended) Device (20) according to ~~one of the aforementioned claims~~ Claim 1, which comprises devices (21) for fitting to the removal opening (52), which correspond to the devices (11) of a conventional closure for the removal opening (52).
  10. (currently amended) Device according to ~~one of the aforementioned claims~~ Claim 1, comprising:  
a connection device for an external liquid pipe.
  11. (currently amended) Device according to ~~one of the aforementioned claims~~ Claim 1, comprising:  
a connection device for a venting / ventilation pipe.
  12. (currently amended) Device according to ~~one of the aforementioned claims~~ Claim 1, in which the pressure equalisation device comprises a pressure relief valve.
  13. (currently amended) Liquid conveyance system, in particular for the supply of fuel to a fuel cell system comprising:  
a closure device (10) according to ~~one of the aforementioned claims~~ Claim 1;  
a connection device (100), which can be connected to the closure device (10), to establish a fluid connection between the liquid suction pipe (45) of the closure device (10) and an external liquid pipe (118) via the closure device (10).
  14. (currently amended) Liquid conveyance system according to Claim 13, wherein the

connection device (100) is formed such that it actuates the actuatable shut-off device (36) of the liquid duct (35) on connection to the closure device (10) in order to provide a fluid connection between the liquid space of the container and the outside of the container (50).

15. (currently amended) Liquid conveyance system according to Claim 13-~~or 14~~, wherein the connection device (100) is formed such that gases can be passed from the liquid container (50) without them accessing the environment when the connection device (100) is connected to the closure device (10).
16. (currently amended) Container with a closure device (10) according to ~~one of the Claims 1 to 12~~ Claim 1.
17. (new) Device according to Claim 3, wherein the shut-off device of the liquid duct comprises an actuatable valve.
18. (new) Device according to Claim 6, wherein the further end of the flexible liquid pipe is connected to the float or to a further float.
19. (new) Liquid conveyance system according to Claim 14, wherein the connection device is formed such that gases can be passed from the liquid container without them accessing the environment when the connection device is connected to the closure device.